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SUBJ: TRADE COMPLAINT: ORBITRAVEL ANTWERP VERSUS ROGER
VERBIEST, ORBITOURS, LA MESA, CALIFORNIA.

REF: ANTWERP S 494 AND 122 AND USDOC 19599 AND 5645.

IN RESPONSE TO USDOC 5645 THE CONSULATE GENERAL HAS BEEN INFORMED THAT ORBITRAVEL ANTWERP COMPLIED WITH THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF USTS MADE IN USDOC 19599 AND THAT THEY CONTACTED MR. WILLIAM CORDES, DIRECTOR GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE, AMERICAN SOCIETY OF TRAVEL AGENTS, AT NEW YORK. ASTA REPLIED TO ORBITRAVEL ANTWERP THAT ORBITOURS LA MESA WAS NOT A MEMBER OF ITS SOCIETY AND ALSO THAT IT WAS NOT APPROVED BY IATA NOR BY THE AIR TRAFFIC CONFERENCE OF AMERICA. ASTA FURTHER STATED IT WAS NOT PERMITTED TO BECOME INVOLVED IN DISPUTES BETWEEN TWO NON-MEMBERS, AS IN THE PRESENT CASE AND RECOMMENDED LEGAL COUNSEL.

ORBITRAVEL ANTWERP ALSO CONTACTED THE BELGIAN EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON WHICH IN TURN ASKED THE LOS ANGELES BELGIAN CONSULATE TO CONTACT VERBIEST. THIS WAS DONE ON DECEMBER 28, 1973, AT PRESENT A BALANCE OF BF 1,316,259 REMAINS TO BE PAID BY VERBIEST.

ORBITRAVEL ANTWERP MADE CREDIT CHECK IN THE US (DUN AND BRADSTREET) AND RELIABILITY CHECK THROUGH ROTARY CIRCLES ON VERBIEST BEFORE AUTHORIZING VERBIEST TO USE NAME
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ORBITOURS IN US. THESE CHECKS PROVED TO BE SATISFACTORY.

FINALLY FRANK GOESSENS, COORDINATION AND DEVELOPMENT
MANAGER AT VAN HOOL AND GENERAL MANAGER OF ORBITRAVEL
ANTWERP HAS CONFIRMED THAT THE GROUP WILL TAKE LEGAL
ACTION IN US IF NO SETTLEMENT CAN BE OBTAINED FFROM
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